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Dear Sir:

Together with the enclosed filing papers, Applicant requests that the following amendments be made to the claims *before calculating the fees due for such application.*

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims 6-12 as follows:

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